10,12,122 and 11,16,782 tribal children respectively are eligible for primary stage schooling.

Of the above, 9,76,970 and 10,58,325 children of Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand respectively are enrolled in the current academic year.

(c) All children studying in Government and Government-aided primary schools and EGS/AIE Centres are receiving mid-day meal.

(d) Children of six plus age are eligible to attend primary schools.

School education in developing countries

†455. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than fifty crores of children are deprived of school level education in almost 28 developing countries according to the education for all global monitoring report;

(b) whether it is also a fact that India and Pakistan are included in those four developing countries wherein almost 2 crore 30 lakh children are not getting the school level education; and

(c) if so, the measures being taken by Government for increasing the rate of literacy to address this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The measures being taken by the Government for increasing the rate of literacy to address this problem include flagships programmes like Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Mid-Day Meal Scheme and targeted initiatives such as Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya Scheme, Mahila Samakhya Scheme, National Programme for Education of Girls at the Elementary Level, Education Guarantee Scheme, etc.

Children out of schools

456. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether after having incurred an expenditure of Rs. 11,133.57 crore on Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), 1.36 crore children in the age group of 6-14 years remained out of schools as on March, 2005;